

Design at
Hillingdon Pentecostal Church
Kingston Lane
Uxbridge UB8 3PW

The site

The property is a church, where it has religious values, as well as local interest for use of the site as multifunctional occasions. The site is set on the Kingston Lane, in a wide-open plot, surrounded by farm land, and green spaces. There is parking for 33 car parking spaces, with 2 access bays, and it has great transport links through bus stops along Kingston Lane. The church is a single storey building, with double height spaces.

The proposal

The proposal is to add a playground, outdoor recreational court for the users of the church. The court will be placed to the side of the church, where it can be access from the car park side gated entrance, as well as through the main church building. The church has a weekly schedule, where the proposed play area will be used by the youth coming into the site as well as the elders.

The court will be made from a permeable base, resin bound surfacing, which allows the natural filtration of rainwater through its porous build up. The surround to the court will be in metal, which will be aluminium, painted in a dark colour, like black or dark green, to blend in with its surrounding context. The court will not be very visible from Kingston Lane as there is a high gated fence that separates the front of the church and the car park, from the private amenity space.

Photo below shows the design idea,





The use

The below table shows the many uses of the church building and its external spaces, which needs a more functional outdoor area, where currently there is only grass laid spaces, which get wet and soggy when it rains, making the surface unusable for reactional activities.

Throughout the week, there is activates taking place, the court will be multifunctional, meaning it would be used for sports, for exercise, for social gatherings, for games, as a youth club, for outdoor parties, for social clubs and charity works.

WEEKLY USE of CHURCH BUILDING	
Days of Use:	Sunday - Saturday
On Site:	One Pastor on Site (Tuesday - Friday from 10am onwards)
Sunday	• 3 Services (See The Traffic Survey)
Monday	• Young Persons Club
Tuesday	• Church & Garden Maintenance • Treasurer & Administration (Voluntary) • Lunchtime - Open Hospitality (Attendees come by bus)
Wednesday	• Open for Pastoral Needs & Administration
Thursday	• Church and Garden Maintenance • Treasurer & Administration • House Fellowships (Meet at Home)
Friday	• Mothers & Toddlers Group term time - Community
Saturday (AM)	• Dads Toddler Group • Mens' Group • Teaching Group • Prayer Breakfast • Multicultural Meetings (Church & Community)
Occasional use of Church Building:	• Student Lunches
	• Funerals
	• Marriage blessings
	• Baptisms
	• Courses: Child Protection Safe Food Handling First Aid Planning/Teaching Marriage Parenting
	• Celebrations within the church family
	• Charity Work - Fund raising Events & Care of the Homeless
	• Children's Young Persons Ministry Socials/Clubs/Practices/Charity Work

Impact

The court would not impact any of the existing facilities, nor the existing setup of the church. The space for the court is unused, and is a grass piece of land which is laid to lawn. The neighbouring properties are Greenland, farming land, where no one would be impacted by the court.

The implementation of this court would enhance the experience of the church users, through many more activities, making the outdoors more useable, and opening the possibility of multi functional users and uses.

Conclusion

Overall, the court itself, would have very limited impact to any of its surroundings, and be used by the church users only, through a controlled timetable. The design of the court is such that it does not damage the grounds, and remains porous and the ground remains permeable. The surrounding cage would be in a dark material to blend in with the surroundings. The overall proposal would enhance the experience of the church users and allow for a broader use of the outdoors.